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Private Companies involved under PMGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the roads have been constructed/are being constructed by private companies/contractors across the country under Pradhan Mantri Gram SadakYojana (PMGSY);

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether there are reports of large scale corruption/irregularities under the scheme, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Chhattisgarh; and

(d) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) & (b): As per the Programme Guidelines of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), implementation of PMGSY is being done by the State Governments. Works are awarded and got executed by the States. State/UT-wise details of road works cleared and completed upto Jan'2016 under PMGSY are given as per Annexure − I.

(c): Complaints related to various facets of PradhanMantri Gram SadakYojana (PMGSY) including that of corruption/ irregularities in implementation of PMGSY are received from time to time.

As per the programme Guidelines, ensuring quality of road works under PMGSY is the responsibility of implementing State Governments. All such complaints are therefore, referred to the State Quality Coordinators of respective States for taking necessary action and furnishing report. In case an adequate response is not received within theprescribed time, the National Rural Roads Development Agency (NRRDA), the technical arm of the Ministry of Rural Development, deputes National Quality Monitors (NQMs) and further processing of complaint is made on the basis of National Quality Monitor's reports.

Statements containing State-wise, Year-wise details of complaints vis-a-vis action taken for the period, 2014-15 and 2015-16 (upto Jan., 2016) are given in the Annexure-II&III.

(d): To ensure adherence to prescribed quality norms, National Rural Roads Development Agency (NRRDA) has issued Quality Assurance Handbook for Rural Roads which provide for a three tier Quality Management System under PMGSY. The three tier quality management mechanism comprises:

(i) 1st tier: In-house quality control by the execution agency.

(ii) 2nd tier: Independent quality control set up of the State Rural Roads Development Agency (SRRDA), at the State level.

(iii) 3rd tier: National Quality Monitoring System as operationalized by NRRDA, at the national level.

Under the 3rd Tier, NQMs are deployed for inspection of road works across the country, which are selected at random. For road works graded as 'Satisfactory Requiring Improvement' (SRI) and 'Unsatisfactory' (U) on the basis of observations of the National Quality Monitors, States are required to send Action Taken Reports after completion of rectification work. These Actions taken reports are monitored and processed by National Rural Roads Development Agency on a regular basis.

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